NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

October 19, 2007

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Commissioners Court of Harris County,

Texas, will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the

Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, on the ninth floor of the Harris County

Administration Building, 1001 Preston Avenue, Houston, Texas, for the purpose of considering

and taking action on matters brought before the Court.

Agendas may be obtained in advance of the court meeting in the office of the

Commissioners Court Coordinator, Suite 938, Administration Building, 1001 Preston Avenue,

Houston, Texas, in the Commissioners Court Courtroom on the day of the meeting, or via the

internet at www.co.harris.tx.us/agenda.

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of Harris County, Texas

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Commissioner, Precinct 2

Steve Radack
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Jerry Eversole
Commissioner, Precinct 4

No. 07.20

## AGENDA

October 23, 2007

10:00 a.m.

Opening prayer by Reverend Mike Lindstrom of Ashbury United Methodist Church in Pasadena.

## I. Departments

- 1. Public Infrastructure Department
  - a. Public Infrastructure
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  - d. Construction Programs
  - e. Flood Control District
  - f. Architecture & Engineering
  - g. Facilities & Property Management
- 2. Management Services
- 3. Information Technology
- 4. Public Health & Environmental Services
- 5. Community & Economic Development
- 6. Youth & Family Services
- 7. Constables
- 8. Sheriff
- 9. Fire Marshal
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- 13. Justices of the Peace

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  - a. Auditor
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  - c. Purchasing
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  - b. Commissioner, Precinct 1
  - c. Commissioner, Precinct 2
  - d. Commissioner, Precinct 3
  - e. Commissioner, Precinct 4
- 19. Miscellaneous
- II. Emergency/supplemental items
- III. Public Hearings
- IV. Tax Rates
- V. Executive Session
- VI. Appearances before court

Adjournment

The Commissioners Court may go into executive session, if necessary, pursuant to chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, for one or more of the following reasons: (1) consultation with the County Attorney to seek or receive legal advice or consultation regarding pending or contemplated litigation; (2) discussion about the value or transfer of real property; (3) discussion about a prospective gift or donation; (4) consideration of specific personnel matters; (5) discussion about security personnel or devices; or (6) discussion of certain economic development matters. The Commissioners Court may announce that it will go into executive session on any item listed on this agenda if the subject matter is permitted for a closed session by provisions of chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

The agenda is available on the internet at www.co.harris.tx.us/agenda.

# I. <u>Departments</u>

# 1. Public Infrastructure Department

# a. Public Infrastructure

Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute:

- 1. An amendment to an agreement with S. Louis Smith for professional services in support of real estate transactions on behalf of the Flood Control District.
- 2. A lienholder's subordination to dedication for the plat of Woodland Pines, Section Four amending plat, partial replat.

# b. Right of Way

- 1. Recommendation that the court approve resolutions and orders authorizing the Flood Control District to dedicate to the public, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transactions for:
  - a. Tract 02-605.0 from Vogel Creek to the west for the Arncliffe Drive cul-de-sac project in Precinct 1.
  - b. Tract 02-601.0 from US 290 to the south for the E515-01-00 easement project in Precinct 4.
  - c. Tract 005 A&B aka Tracts 01-601.0 and 01-602.0, P161-00-00 along the east and west sides of Perry Road between Lou Edd Road and Linnmont Lane for the Perry Road Segment A project in Precinct 4.
  - d. Tract 003 aka Tract 03-601.0, A114-00-00 running north and south between Pilgrims Point and Harbor Pass Lane for the El Dorado Boulevard-1 project in Precinct 1.
  - e. Tract 001 aka Tract 38-601.0, P500-02-00 running north and south between North Sam Houston Parkway West and Bourgeois Road for the Hollister Road Segment 2 project in Precinct 4.
- 2. Recommendation that the court approve resolutions and orders authorizing the county to purchase certain tracts in Precinct 3 for negotiated prices, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete transactions for:
  - a. Tract 002 at the north line of Franz Road between Porter Road and Katy-Hockley Cut Off Road for the Katy-Fort Bend County Road-2 project in the amount of \$10,613, \$3,000 over the appraised value.
  - b. Tract 003 at 17930 Cypress Rose Hill Road for the Cypress Rose Hill Road-4 project in the amount of \$28,432, \$3,000 over the appraised value.
  - c. Tract 008 along the east line of Katy Hockley Cut Off Road and north of Franz for the Katy-Fort Bend County Road-2 project in the amount of \$37,004, \$2,596 over the appraised value.

- 3. Recommendation that the court approve resolutions and orders authorizing certain projects, decrees of public necessity and convenience, and acquisition of specific properties in Precinct 4 on behalf of the county, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transactions for:
  - a. Two specific tracts north of Mills Road to south of SH 249 for the Perry Road Segment B project.
  - b. Two specific tracts from Ivy Falls Drive to Cypresswood Drive for the T.C. Jester Boulevard-2 project.
- 4. Recommendation that the court approve a resolution and order authorizing the county to accept donation of a recreational easement, Tract 001 for the Collins Park Trail project in Precinct 4, and for the County Judge to execute the donation form.

## c. Toll Road Authority

- 1. Recommendation for authorization for the director to take necessary action in response to TxDOT letters requesting participation with two projects, toll operation of Segment I-2 of SH 99 and conversion of existing High Occupancy Vehicle lanes to High Occupancy Toll lanes.
- 2. Recommendation for approval of an amendment to an agreement with Electronic Transactions Consultants Corp., in the amount of \$282,000 to extend the limits west to Westgreen Boulevard and south to Kingsland Boulevard, expand the amenities and scope of services, and increase funding available to the engineer as part of the IH 10 managed lanes project in Precinct 3.
- 3. Recommendation for authorization for tolls to be waived on certain dates at various sections of the Toll Road system in connection with scheduled closures for construction and repairs.
- 4. Request for authorization to purchase a replacement cellular phone.
- 5. Request for approval of change in ownership to 14925 Memorial, Ltd., in connection with lease of space at 15823 North Freeway in Precinct 4 for the Northside EZ Tag Store.

# d. Construction Programs

- 1. Recommendation for approval of changes in contracts with:
  - a. SER Construction Partners, Ltd., contractor for the Tasfield Community sanitary sewer system, lift stations, and force main, adding 21 days and resulting in no change to the contract amount (06/0165-4).
  - b. Troy Construction, LLP, contractor for on-call slip lining in Precinct 1, resulting in no change to the contract amount (07/0080-1).
  - c. Angel Brothers Enterprises, Inc., contractor for reconstruction of Haden Road and Diamond Alkali in Precinct 2, resulting in a reduction of \$845,382 from the contract amount (06/0138-2).

- d. Main Lane Industries, Ltd., contractor for removal of railroad spur at Wade Road in Precinct 2, adding six calendar days and resulting in a reduction of \$324 from the contract amount (06/0411-1).
- e. Teamwork Construction Services, contractor for pedestrian facilities at various locations in Precinct 3, resulting in no change to the contract amount (06/0059-2).
- f. AAA Asphalt Paving, Inc., contractor for Greenhouse Road from Clay Road to Kieth Harrow Boulevard in Precinct 3, adding 31 calendar days and resulting in an addition of \$40,410 to the contract amount (06/0091-3).
- g. Angel Brothers Enterprises, Inc., contractor for Clay Road from west of Elrod Road to west of Bridgewater Drive in Precinct 3, adding nine calendar days and resulting in an addition of \$3,854 to the contract amount (06/0279-9).
- h. AAA Asphalt Paving, Inc., contractor for a left turn lane at Mason Road and Park Row Colonial Parkway in Precinct 3, adding nine calendar days and resulting in a reduction of \$36 from the contract amount (06/0361-2).
- 2. Recommendation for authorization to issue an amendment to a purchase order to HTS, Inc., in the amount of \$25,000 for on-call geotechnical services in Precinct 4.
- 3. Recommendation that Public Infrastructure be authorized to reduce retainage from 5% to 2% for TJ&T Enterprises, Inc., for construction of Bellaire Boulevard and Barker Cypress projects in Precinct 3.
- 4. Recommendation that the award for widening of existing northbound Sam Houston Tollway mainlanes from three to five lanes from the South Toll Plaza to south of Boheme Drive in Precinct 3 be made to Lone Star Road Construction, Ltd., lowest and best bid in the amount of \$7,714,318, and for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transaction.

# e. Flood Control District

- 1. Recommendation for authorization to:
  - a. Delete airtime service for a cellular phone, add a cellular phone allowance, and retain a Nextel device to be used as replacement for a defective phone.
  - b. Transfer \$37,000 into an escrow account for the Clear Creek federal flood control project in Precincts 1 and 2.
  - c. Allocate \$2,000 for a public meeting to be held in support of the Hunting Bayou federal flood damage reduction feasibility study in Precinct 1.
- 2. Recommendation that the County Judge be authorized to execute an:
  - a. Agreement with Isani Consultants, LP, for engineering services in the amount of \$100,000 in support of the district's engineering and maintenance programs.
  - b. Updated project officer designation form to be submitted to the Governor's Division of Emergency Management as required by the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program.

3. Recommendation that the court acknowledge deposit receipts for impact fees for September.

## f. Architecture & Engineering

- 1. Recommendation for authorization to seek bids for:
  - a. Proposed parking lot addition at Edna Mae Washington Park in Precinct 2 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$120,000.
  - b. Pavilion renovation and additions at Alexander Deussen Park in Precinct 1 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$300,000.
  - c. Furnishing and delivering ready-mix concrete to various locations in Precinct 3 for a two-week period at an estimated cost of \$70,000.
  - d. T.C. Jester Boulevard from Ivy Falls Drive to Cypresswood Drive in Precinct 4 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$5,204,315.
  - e. Humble Camp refurbishing-Old Town Spring in Precinct 4 for a three-week period at an estimated cost of \$493,000.
- 2. Recommendation for approval of the following plats:
  - a. Manley Acres in Precinct 4; Arrow Surveying Company.
  - b. Westwood Gardens, Sections One and Two in Precinct 4; Carter & Burgess, Inc., and Kerry R. Gilbert & Associates, Incorporated.
  - c. Eldridge and West Road Subdivision in Precinct 3; South Texas Surveying Associates, Incorporated.
  - d. Silva's Addition in Precinct 2; E.R. Consultants Land Surveying & Engineering.
  - e. Fall Creek Plaza in Precinct 4; Lentz Engineering, LC, and Civil-Surv Land Surveying, LC.
  - f. Black Rock Commons in Precinct 2; Texas Engineering and Mapping Company.
  - g. The Woodlands Village of Creekside Park, Creekside Forest Drive, and Great Heron Drive street dedication plat in Precinct 4; Pate Engineers, Incorporated.
  - h. Mansions at Hastings Green Apartments, Sections One and Two in Precinct 3; Lott & Brown Consulting Engineers, Mucasey & Associates, Inc., and Total Surveyors, Incorporated.
  - i. Woodsedge Community Church Subdivision in Precinct 4; Hovis Surveying Company.
  - j. Cold River Drive street dedication plat in Precinct 4; Edminster Hinshaw Russ and Associates.
  - k. The Woodlands Village of Creekside Park, Creekside Forest Drive, and Branson Creek Way street dedication plat in Precinct 4; Pate Engineers, Incorporated.
  - 1. Verde Woodson Park at Summerwood Apartments in Precinct 1; Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc., and Ikemire Architects.
  - m. Highland Westpark Retail in Precinct 3; Hovis Surveying Company.
  - n. Veterans Crossing Subdivision in Precinct 4; Weisser Engineering, Company.
  - o. The Woodlands Village of Creekside Park, Creekside Forest Drive street dedication plat in Precinct 4; Pate Engineers, Incorporated.

- p. Woodlands Carlton Woods Creekside, Section Seven, Village of Creekside Park partial replat in Precinct 4; Andrew Lonnie Sikes, Incorporated.
- 3. Recommendation for cancellation of bonds for:
  - a. Lennar Homes of Texas Land and Construction, Ltd., executed by the Continental Insurance Company in the amount of \$27,721 for College Place, Section One in Precinct 1.
  - b. KB Home Lone Star, LP, executed by General Insurance Company of America in the amount of \$31,650 for Liberty Lakes, Section One in Precinct 2.
  - c. New Forest West, Ltd., executed by Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America in the amount of \$30,308 for New Forest West, Section One in Precinct 2.
  - d. Northcrest 2920, LP, executed by Farmington Casualty Company in the amount of \$31,508 for Northcrest Village, Section Two in Precinct 4.
  - e. Lennar Homes of Texas Land and Construction, Ltd., executed by XL Specialty Insurance Company in the amount of \$27,600 for Windrose West, Section 15 in Precinct 4.
- 4. Recommendation for approval of changes in contracts for:
  - a. PRC Roofing Company, Inc., contractor for re-roofing the existing Hardy Seniors Center buyboard project in Precinct 1, resulting in a reduction of \$4,760 from the contract amount (120250-2).
  - b. Statewide Traffic Signal Company, contractor for traffic signal installation for Fry Road at Rustic Lake Lane in Precinct 3, adding 18 calendar days and resulting in an addition of \$2,964 to the contract amount (070057-1).
  - c. Bussell & Sons, LLC, contractor for a proposed water plant at Congressman Bill Archer Park in Precinct 3, adding 45 calendar days and resulting in no change to the contract amount (060428-2).
  - d. Gulf Utility Service, Inc., contractor for operating and maintaining wastewater treatment plants at Arthur Bayer Park, A.D. Dyess Park, Spring-Cypress maintenance facility, IT May Park, and Burroughs Park in Precinct 4, resulting in an addition of \$3,600 to the contract amount (060183-1).
- 5. Recommendation for authorization for the County Judge to execute architectural/engineering services agreements/amendments with:
  - a. Engineering & Facilities Consulting, Inc., in the additional amount of \$139,955 in connection with construction of a new Harris County Courthouse Annex No. 19 in Precinct 3.
  - b. Huitt-Zollars, Inc., in the additional amount of \$27,201 in connection with construction of Jarvis Road from Skinner Road to west of Barker-Cypress Road in Precinct 3.
  - c. Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$695,300 in connection with construction of Kuykendahl Road from FM 2920 to west of Willow Creek in Precinct 4.

- d. Carter & Burgess, Inc., in the amount of \$332,024 in connection with construction of Kuykendahl Road from Willow Creek to Augusta Pines Drive in Precinct 4.
- e. Landtech Consultants, Inc., in the additional amount of \$7,600 in connection with construction of traffic signalization and related improvements for the intersections of Spring Cypress Road at Normandy Forest Drive, Holzwarth Road at Meadow Edge Drive, Cypresswood Drive at Lynngate Drive, and Cypresswood Drive at Old Cypresswood Drive/Bradbury Forest Drive in Precinct 4.
- 6. Recommendation for deposit of funds received from:
  - a. City of Taylor Lake Village in the amount of \$5,000 for participation for Kirby at Robinson Elementary school zone flashers-joint venture in Precinct 2.
  - b. City of Houston in the amount of \$82,903 for improvements to Brittmoore Road from Clay Road to south of Tanner Road by joint participation agreement in Precinct 4.
- 7. Recommendation for authorization to negotiate with:
  - a. Urban Architecture for on-call architectural services in connection with construction, maintenance, and repair of various Toll Road Authority facilities.
  - b. Terracon Consultants, Inc., for environmental services in connection with obtaining TCEQ approval for closure of leaking petroleum storage tank sites at the county parking garage at 1401 Congress in Precinct 1 and at the former Bien Food Store at 4634 Spring-Cypress Road in Precinct 4.
- 8. Recommendation for authorization for the County Auditor to pay monthly utility bills and the County Judge execute service outlet location statements with CenterPoint Energy for installation of electrical meters to provide electrical power for traffic signals at:
  - a. 1222½ Park Shadows Trail for the intersection of Park Shadows Trail and Bay Area Boulevard in Precinct 2.
  - b. 14341½ Woodforest Boulevard for the intersection of Woodforest Boulevard and Black Rock in Precinct 2.
  - c. 13680½ Skinner Road for the intersection of Skinner Road and Spring-Cypress Road in Precinct 3.
  - d. 13711½ Huffmeister Road for the intersection of Huffmeister Road at Kluge in Precinct 3.
- 9. Recommendation for authorization to retain financial surety and repair and maintain infrastructure for:
  - a. Exxon Land Development, Inc., in the amount of \$1,815 for Fairfield Place Drive, West Lane in Precinct 3.
  - b. RR Houston Development, LP, in the amount of \$3,040 for Remington Ranch, Section 22 in Precinct 4.

- 10. Recommendation for approval of a preliminary engineering report prepared by LMB Engineering, Inc., for construction of Bauer Road at Little Cypress Creek, bridge replacement in Precinct 3, and authorization to proceed with the design phase.
- 11. Recommendation that the court accept and authorize the County Judge to execute agreements with Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 386 regarding the submerged storm sewer system serving the Village of Creekside Park, Sections 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, and 19, and Lake Paloma Trail in Precinct 4.
- 12. Recommendation for approval to change the titles of six positions, increase the salary maximums for 16 positions, and create eight positions for the Architecture & Engineering Division.
- 13. Transmittal of notices of road and bridge log changes.

## g. Facilities & Property Management

- 1. Request for authorization to renew an agreement with 1960 Northwest Plaza, Inc., for lease of space at 830 FM 1960 West for a Public Health clinic.
- 2. Request for approval of an agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for designated space at 1001 S. Lynchburg Road in Precinct 2 to monitor air toxins.
- 3. Request for approval of change in ownership to TriCal Commercial Investments, LLC, for lease of space at 3737 Red Bluff in Pasadena for a Public Health clinic.
- 4. Request for authorization to change the mailing address for payments for leased space at 524 Pasadena Boulevard for a Public Health clinic.
- 5. Request for authorization to renew license agreements with Pinnacle Towers, Inc., for antenna sites at 330 Shady Meadow Lane in the Woodlands and 1000 Louisiana in Houston for Information Technology's radio communications equipment.
- 6. Request for approval of concession agreements with:
  - a. Warren L. Smith for a shoeshine stand on the second floor of the Criminal Justice Center at 1201 Franklin.
  - b. R.C. Henderson for a shoeshine stand in the Family Law Center at 1115 Congress.

## 2. Management Services

- a. Request for approval of orders authorizing acceptance of payments in connection with settlement of damages to county equipment and property in the total amount of \$26,233 and two workers compensation recoveries in the total amount of \$240; settlement of four tort claims in the total amount of \$7,443; denial of three claims for damages; and transmittal of claims for damages received during the period ending October 16.
- b. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute releases in exchange for payments to the county in amounts of \$101, \$107, \$311, \$1,100, \$1,252, and \$1,415 in connection with settlement of accident claims.
- c. Recommendation for approval of an order authorizing self insurance for the total amount of the deductible of any crime or liability policy entered into by the county on or after November 1, 2007.
- d. Transmittal of investment transactions and maturities for the period of October 3-16.
- e. Request for approval of interest payments for commercial paper projects.
- f. Request for approval of an order approving proceedings to issue and sell Unlimited Tax Road Refunding Bonds, Series 2007A, Flood Control District Contract Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2007B, Permanent Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2007A, Tax and Subordinate Lien Revenue Forward Refunding Bonds, Series 2008A, including preparation of all financing and offering documents, a financial management products agreement, and other related provisions.
- g. Request for approval of authorized budget appropriation transfers for flood control and county departments.

## 3. Information Technology

- a. Request for approval of additional funding in the total amount of \$4,058,511 for the JIMS2 project.
- b. Request for authorization to have a surplus vehicle transferred from Fleet Services for use by employees of the Regional Radio System Division.
- c. Request for authorization to accept four tower top amplifiers donated by Motorola.

## 4. Public Health & Environmental Services

a. Request for approval of 10 grant/loan agreements in the total amount of \$94,813 in connection with the Lead Hazard Control Program.

- b. Request for authorization to accept donations in the total amount of \$2,023 for the Animal Control Shelter.
- c. Request for approval of additional mileage reimbursements in amounts of \$78, \$163, \$173, \$347, and \$472 for TB outreach workers who exceeded the monthly limit in September.

## 5. Community & Economic Development

- a. Request for approval of six deferred down payment assistance loans for certain lowand moderate-income homebuyers in all precincts in the total amount of \$96,000.
- b. Request for approval of amendments/agreements with the following for rental assistance for homeless, disabled adults and their families:
  - 1. AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc., for Shelter Plus Care funds in the amount of \$68,364.
  - 2. Veterans Affairs for SPC funds in the amount of \$156,192.
  - 3. Service of the Emergency Aid Resource Center for the Homeless, Inc., for SPC funds in the amount of \$83,124.
  - 4. Volunteers of America Texas, Inc., for SPC funds in the amount of \$110,424.
- c. Request for approval of amendments/agreements with:
  - 1. Harris County Housing Authority for case management and quality assurance services for the Disaster Housing Assistance Program.
  - 2. Reliant Energy Retail Services, LLC, for CED to continue to administer part of the Energy Assistance Program for customers facing hardships.
  - 3. Airline Improvement District to add \$47,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to the Raymac Park Project in Precinct 1 for land acquisition costs.
  - 4. Harris County Precinct 3 to revise the budget for the Zube Park improvements project.
  - 5. Veterans Affairs to revise payment procedures to allow the VA contractor to administer rental payments for the VA '96 Renewal SPC Project.

## 6. Youth & Family Services

# a. Protective Services for Children & Adults

- 1. Request for authorization to purchase bus tokens and passes for transportation services for youth and families in the Systems of Hope Program using grant funds in the total amount of \$2,400.
- 2. Request for authorization to renew annual agreements with Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, and Channelview, Houston, and Spring Independent School Districts for assignment of youth service specialists for social services to youth and families who are in crisis.

3. Request for authorization to purchase 24 gift certificates from local merchants for youth in the Kinder Emergency Shelter using donated funds in the amount of \$1,200.

## b. Children's Assessment Center

Request for approval of a memorandum of understanding between the county and the Children's Assessment Center Foundation to recognize grant income and budget allocations.

## 7. Constables

- a. Request by Constables Abercia, Hickman, Trevino, and Bailey, Precincts 1, 4, 6 and 8, for approval of changes to lists of regular law enforcement personnel and reserve officers with oaths and/or bonds.
- b. Request by Constable Camus, Precinct 5, for approval of an amendment to a law enforcement agreement with Briar Park Community Improvement Association to delete a deputy position.

## 8. Sheriff

- a. Request for approval of a monthly cellular phone allowance for an employee.
- b. Request for approval of a law enforcement agreement with Fall Creek Community Association, Inc., for the services of an additional deputy.
- c. Request for authorization to add a vehicle purchased with commissary funds to the department's inventory for use by the department's Mental Health Unit.

#### 9. **Fire Marshal**

- a. Request for authorization to host the Regional Arson Conference January 21-25 at a cost of \$25,000 to be covered by registration fees and sponsorships.
- b. Request for authorization to host the Cellular Evidence & Data Symposium December 10-13 at the Fire & Sheriff's Training Academy at a cost of \$10,000 to be covered by registration fees, and for approval to accept donations for door prices for participants.
- c. Request for approval of a revised Fire Field Use Fee Schedule.
- d. Request for authorization to discontinue a monthly mileage reimbursement and assign a county vehicle for law enforcement effective October 27.
- e. Request for authorization to reimburse an employee \$25 for a recertification fee paid to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

f. Request for approval of educational incentive pay for an employee who has met requirements for the increase.

## 10. County Clerk

Transmittal of minutes of the court's meetings of September 25 and October 9.

## 11. District Clerk

- a. Request for approval of a disbursement in the amount of \$82,490 to cover losses resulting from processing errors in connection with 206 child support payments made during the period of June 2001 through March 2005.
- b. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute an agreement with the Texas Office of Court Administration for use of the county's case document management-court circulation software.

## 12. County Attorney

- a. Request for approval of orders authorizing litigation expenses in connection with cases in the 61st and 164th District Courts and U.S. District Court.
- b. Request for approval of orders authorizing suits and litigation expenses to compel compliance with flood plain management regulations at 6425 Stockdick School Road in Katy in Precinct 3 and 6800 Greens Road in Precinct 4.
- c. Request for approval of an agreement with Dan Shelley for lease of space at 305 W 13th Street in Austin for the Office of Legislative Relations.

## 13. Justices of the Peace

- a. Request by Judge Adams, JP 4.1, for authorization to renew the licenses of 10 court interpreters at a total cost of \$500.
- b. Request by Judge Maness-Barnes, JP 8.1, for authorization to transfer a cellular phone account from the county's service to the judge's service for her personal use, and to delete a cellular phone from the department's inventory.

#### 14. **District Courts**

a. Request for approval of payment to the Harris County Department of Education for alternative dispute resolution services.

b. Transmittal of notice concerning problems with certain cases that were processed by the Houston Police Department's Crime Laboratory, and a plan adopted by the 22 Harris County District Judges Trying Criminal Cases for a process of hearings and independent review of the problem cases.

# 15. Travel & Training

# a. Out of Texas

Dept.	# Emp.	Purpose	Date(s)	Location	Cost	Fund
1.ITC	5	Business continuity disaster recovery testing	11/6-10	Philadelphia, PA	\$8,035	General
2.PHES	1	Public Health Preparedness Summit (Approved 9/11)	2/18-23	Atlanta, GA	\$185	General
3.PHES	1	United States Conference on AIDS	11/7-10	Palm Springs, CA	\$2,240	Grant
4.PHES	1	Local Emergency Planning Council Tristate Conference	11/14	Memphis, TN	\$765	Other
5.PHES	1	Ryan White Program data report training	11/14-16	Baltimore, MD	\$1,000	Grant
6.PHES	1	Veterans Administration workshop	11/29-30	Washington, DC	\$1,000	Other
7.PSCA	15	Fed. of Families for Children's Mental Health Conference	12/5-9	Washington, DC	\$30,075	Grant
8.Const. 4	1	FBI National Academy (Approved 7/24)	9/30-12/15	Quantico, VA	\$2,650	Other
9.Sheriff	3	Technical emergency response training	10/13-20	Anniston, AL	\$15,219	Other
10.Sheriff	1	Financial responsibility training	10/30-11/5	Brentwood, TN	\$3,050	General
11.Sheriff	2	Mental health facility tours	11/3-10	Salt Lake City, UT	\$6,340	General
				Los Angeles, CA		
12. Sheriff	1	Scientific Working Group for Firearms & Tool Marks meeting	11/3-10	Atlanta, GA	\$100	General
					\$1,145	Other
13.Sheriff	4	Weapons of mass destruction detection training	12/2-9	Anniston, AL	\$20,448	Other
14. Fire M.	2	Pick up and transport defendant in criminal investigation	8/30-31	Little Rock, AR	\$384	General
15.DA	6	Multi-Disciplinary Natl. Conf. on Domestic Violence	10/27-31	Orlando, FL	\$11,385	Other
16.Co. Cts.	1	Research and evaluation methods management course	12/11-13	Williamsburg, VA	\$1,650	General
17. Auditor	1	Business continuity disaster recovery testing	11/6-10	Philadelphia, PA	\$1,404	General
18. Pur. Agt.	1	Am. Society of Health-system pharmacist clinical meeting	12/2-6	Las Vegas, NV	\$2,410	General
19.OHSEM	2	Big city emergency managers forum meeting	11/6-9	Philadelphia, PA	\$3,500	General
20.OHSEM	1	American Meteorological Society annual meeting*	1/21-23	New Orleans, LA	\$390	General
Subtotal	51	Out of Texas average cost \$2,223 per employee			\$113,375	

# b. In Texas

Dept.	# Emp.	Purpose	Date(s)	Location	Cost	Fund
1.PID/P&O	1	Homeland Security technology conference	11/1-2	Houston	\$160	General
2.PID/TRA	4	Global Knowledge Information Technology Academy	TBD	Houston	\$9,924	TRA
3.PID/FCD	2	Seminar on modeling and mapping of floodplains	10/30	Houston	\$300	FCD
4.PID/A&E	1	Texas Society of Architects Convention	10/18-20	Austin	\$700	General
5.PID/A&E	2	Seminar on modeling and mapping of floodplains	10/30	Houston	\$300	General
6.MS/OHRRM	3	Workers compensation third party admin. site visits	10/23-12/31	Austin, Dallas, &	\$4,375	Other
				San Antonio		
7.MS/OHRRM	1	Wellness Association Conference	11/16	Houston	\$75	Other
8.ITC	1	Public Sector Employment Law Seminar	10/30-31	Austin	\$1,098	General
9.ITC	6	Web application development software training	11/5-9	Houston	\$11,000	Other

	Dept.	# Emp.	Purpose	Date(s)	Location	Cost	Fund
10.	PHES	5	Phlebotomy skills training	11/1	Houston	\$895	General
11.	PHES	1	Tobacco prevention workshop	11/2	Houston	\$50	General
12.	PHES	1	Basic animal control officer training course*	11/14-15	Liberty	\$75	General
13.	PHES	4	Patient flow analysis training	11/28-29	Dallas	\$1,442	Grant
14.	PHES	1	Business grammar seminar	11/30	Houston	\$70	Grant
15.	PHES	1	Tuberculosis intensive training course	12/4-6	Tyler	\$650	Grant
16.	PHES	1	Public health coalition meeting	12/7	Austin	\$310	General
17.	CED	2	TXU Energy Assistance Workshop	11/1	Houston	\$20	General
18.	CED	2	Tx. Assn. of Appraisal Districts exemption admin. seminar	11/5	Houston	\$300	General
19.	CED	2	Power Tools for Nonprofits Conference*	11/14	Houston	\$118	General
20.	CED	4	Design and page layout skills training*	12/3	Houston	\$617	General
21.	Coop. Ext.	1	New extension agent training opportunity	8/29	Rosenberg	\$27	General
22.	Coop. Ext.	1	Texas Assn. of Family & Consumer Science meeting	10/5	Houston	\$30	General
23.	Coop. Ext.	1	Tx. Nursery & Landscape Assn. field day planning conf.	10/24	Magnolia	\$60	General
24.	Coop. Ext.	1	South Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic	10/26	Brenham	\$85	General
25.	Coop. Ext.	1	South region leadership team meeting	11/1-2	S. Padre Island	\$315	General
26.	PSCA	7	Community Resource Coordination Groups Conference	11/5-6	Austin	\$2,400	Grant
27.	PSCA	1	Texas Network of Youth Services board retreat	11/8-10	Austin	\$514	General
28.	PSCA	2	Partners in Prevention Training Conference	11/11-13	Austin	\$850	Grant
29.	PSCA	1	Resource development skills conference	11/14	Houston	\$49	General
30.	PSCA	1	Workshop to improve complex social & emotional issues	12/3	Houston	\$29	General
						\$100	Other
31.	CAC	1	Forensic interview training conference	10/30-11/1	Austin	\$930	General
32.	Const. 1	10	In custody death prevention training class	10/10	Houston	\$250	Other
33.	Const. 1	1	Cellular evidence and data for investigators training	12/10-11	Houston	\$150	Other
34.	Const. 4	1	Open Government Conference	12/3-4	Austin	\$623	Other
35.	Sheriff	2	Crime Victims Services Conference*	11/10-16	San Antonio	\$1,400	General
36.	Sheriff	2	Biometrics of resistance training certification course*	11/15-19	Dallas	\$1,500	General
37.	Sheriff	1	Texas Homeland Security Conference*	12/2-8	San Antonio	\$780	General
38.	Sheriff	6	Pressure point control tactics instructor certification	12/3-7	Houston	\$900	General
39.	Sheriff	2	Tactical team leader course*	12/11-15	Garland	\$1,480	General
40.	Fire M.	6	Channel industries mutual aid dinner & officer installation	10/25	Deer Park	\$189	General
41.	Fire M.	3	Advanced fire investigations training	10/31-11/2	Houston	\$825	General
42.	Fire M.	1	Firearms training course	11/13	Pasadena	\$40	General
43.	Fire M.	1	Firearms training course	11/27	Pasadena	\$55	General
44.	Fire M.	3	Cellular forensics training	12/10-13	Humble	\$450	General
	M.E.		Southwestern Assn. of Toxicologists Conference	11/8-10	Galveston	\$3,476	General
	Dist. Clk.	2	V.G. Young Institute Co. & Dist. Clk. Education Seminar	1/14-17	College Station	\$1,657	General
	CA		Litigation and trial tactics seminar	11/29-30	Houston	\$225	General
	CA	2	Continuing legal education seminar	12/12	Houston	\$470	General
49.	JP 3.2	1	College of Justice Court Judges induction & civil law sem.	11/27-28	Round Rock	\$371	General
50.	Co. Cts.		Presenting data and information seminar	12/6	Houston	\$1,140	General
_	Prob. Ct. 1	1	Ethics in action seminar	12/6	Houston	\$149	General
52.	Dist. Cts.	2	Children At Risk Seminar	10/19	Houston	\$200	General
	Auditor		Audit software introduction and intermediate training	11/5-9	Houston	\$2,600	General
54.	Auditor	3	Wells Fargo conf. on electronic payment processing	11/21	Houston	\$0	General
55.	Auditor	2	Texas Society of CPAs professional education exposition	11/26-27	Houston	\$595	General

	Dept.	# Emp.	Purpose	Date(s)	Location	Cost	Fund
56.	Pur. Agt.	1	Natl. Institute of Government Purchasing Training Seminar	11/8-9	New Braunfels	\$837	General
57.	Co. Judge/OHSEM	1	Grant Writing Workshop	11/8-9	Houston	\$425	General
58.	Com. 1	2	Tx. Assn. of Co. Engineers & Road Administrators Conf.	10/29-11/1	San Antonio	\$1,389	General
59.	Com. 1	1	Professional development skills conference	11/1-2	San Marcos	\$416	General
60.	Com. 1	1	Monthly human resource luncheons	11/07-02/08	Houston	\$168	General
61.	Com. 2	1	GIS Workshop	11/9	Houston	\$399	General
62.	Com. 2	2	Pick up/drop off welding supplies with contract vendor*	9/1-8/31/08	Conroe	\$300	General
63.	Com. 3	1	Texas Onsite Wastewater Association certification	11/6-7	Fort Worth	\$906	General
	Subtotal	152	In Texas average cost \$409 per employee			\$62,233	
	Total	203				\$175,608	

<sup>\*</sup>Travel by county vehicle

General	Grant	Other	Total
\$57,472	\$38,727	\$79,409	\$175,608

Cumulative	Out of Texas	In Texas	Total
FY 2007-08	\$1,026,230	\$1,639,191	\$2,665,421

# 16. Grants

- a. Request by the **PID Flood Control District** for authorization to submit an application to the State of Texas Division of Emergency Management for grant funds in an amount of up to \$10 million for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.
- b. Request by Public Health & Environmental Services for authorization to:
  - 1. Eliminate five positions currently funded by the Texas Department of State Health Services for the HIV Prevention Safe Talk Project grant.
  - 2. Accept grant funds in amounts of \$97,944, \$160,000, and \$233,604 from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Title V Dental Services contract, Title X HIV Integration Program, and Regional Health Grant.
- c. Request by **Juvenile Probation** for authorization to accept funds in the amount of \$286,097 from the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program for support of the juvenile justice system.
- d. Request by **Constable Hickman, Precinct 4**, for authorization to accept grant funds in the amount of \$41,018 from the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for the Domestic Violence Enhancement/Victims Assistance Program.
- e. Request by **Constable Camus, Precinct 5**, for authorization to accept grant funds in the amount of \$61,249 from the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for the Crimes Victims Assistance Program.

- f. Request by the **Sheriff** for authorization to:
  - 1. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Early Intervention Program for HIV/AIDS services for individuals in custody.
  - 2. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$76,353 from the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for police training for prevention of violence against women
  - 3. Accept an amendment to an agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice for supplemental grant funds in the amount of \$499,954 for the Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance Task Force and to extend the program end date through August 31, 2009.
  - 4. Submit an application to the Texas Department of Health Services for grant funds in the amount of \$300,000 for the HIV Prevention Grant Program.
  - 5. Accept grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the Houston Money Laundering Initiative.
- g. Request by the **District Attorney** for authorization to accept grant funds in amounts of \$56,194, \$80,000, and \$80,000 from the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for the Felony Family Violence Caseworker Project, Caseworker Intervention Expansion Project, and Protective Order Prosecutor Project in the Family Criminal Law Division.
- h. Request by the **County Judge** for authorization to accept grant funds in the amount of \$8,598,726 from the Federal Emergency Management Administration for the FY2007A Supplemental Port Security Grant Program, and to issue a request for qualifications for development of a Port-Wide Risk Management/Mitigation and Business Continuity Plan.

# 17. <u>Fiscal Services & Purchasing</u>

#### a. Auditor

- 1. Request for approval of final payments to:
  - a. Angel Brothers for improvements from east of Federal Road to west of Sheffield Boulevard in Precinct 2.
  - b. Angel Brothers for Crestlane Street at Detour Road from Union Pacific Railroad to the end of Barbours Cut Terminal in Precinct 2.
  - c. Batterson, Inc., for a renewable term contract for installation of thermoplastic striping and related items in Precinct 3.
  - d. Crosby Road Trucking and Timber for the North Channel hike and bike trail along Carpenter's Bayou from Wallisville Road to Woodforest Boulevard, Unit N100-00-00 in Precinct 2.
  - e. J.T. Vaughn Construction for construction of the Civil Courthouse at 200 Caroline for Public Infrastructure.
  - f. Manhattan Construction for construction of Phase Two vertical expansion to the county parking garage at 1401 Congress for Public Infrastructure.

- g. Statewide Traffic Signal for traffic signal installations and related improvements at the intersections of Morton Road at Dulaney Road, Eagle Ridge Way, and Deermoss Drive in Precinct 3.
- h. Statewide Traffic Signal for traffic signals and related improvements at the intersections of North Eldridge Parkway at Emmett Road and Fallbrook Drive at Harvest Sun Drive in Precinct 4.
- 2. Transmittal of certification of supplemental estimates of revenue received for various funds and grants.
- 3. Transmittal of audited claims.

## b. Tax Assessor-Collector

Request for approval of tax refund payments.

## c. Purchasing

- 1. Transmittal of projects scheduled for advertisement:
  - a. Second supplemental for non-emergency transportation program providers for the county.
  - b. Furnish, deliver, and install a steam sterilizer for Public Health & Environmental Services.
  - c. Tree and tree limb removal services for the Flood Control District.
  - d. Temporary accounting personnel for the Auditor's Office.
  - e. Janitorial services at various community centers for Precinct 2.
- 2. Transmittal of a list of computer-related items obtained through the State of Texas vendor program for the County Attorney and Information Technology.
- 3. Transmittal of changes in contracts with:
  - a. Hill & Hill Exterminators, Inc., contractor for pest control services and related items for Facilities & Property Management, resulting in an addition of \$350 to the contract amount (01107).
  - b. A-Athletic and Medical Supply Co., Inc., contractor for first aid supplies for the county, resulting in an addition of \$500 to the contract amount (01124).
- 4. Recommendation that awards be made to:
  - a. Low bidders, Caldwell Country Chevrolet, in the amount of \$4,146,145; Philpott Motors, Ltd., \$519,004; Tommie Vaughn Motors, Inc., \$358,549; and Planet Ford 6, \$2,802,472 for automobiles, trucks, and related items for the county for the period beginning November 1, 2007.
  - b. John L. Wortham & Son, LLP, best offer in the amount of \$65,709 for commercial crime coverage for the Tax Assessor-Collector for the period beginning November 1, 2007.

- c. SpeakWrite, LLC, best bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$225,000 for online transcription services for Protective Services for Children & Adults for the period of November 1, 2007-October 31, 2008, with two one-year renewal options.
- d. Performance Food Group, lowest bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$109,213 for various food supplementals for the Sheriff's Department.
- 5. Transmittal of Community Supervision & Corrections agreements for the period ending August 31, 2008 with:
  - a. David and Ivory Ministries, Inc., in the amount of \$578,610 for substance abuse treatment services and other cognitive, criminogenic interventions for a substance abuse treatment facility.
  - b. David and Ivory Ministries, Inc., in the amount of \$630,720 for cognitive intervention for young adult offender criminogenic risk/needs including substance abuse treatment and anger management for the Young Adult Offender Program.
  - c. The Turning Point, Inc., in the amount of \$473,000 for substance abuse treatment services for an Intensive Residential Substance Abuse Program.
- 6. Request for approval of renewal options with:
  - a. Green Tree Resorts, LLP, for sale of surplus tires and disposal of scrap tires for the county for the period of January 1-December 31, 2008 at an estimated cost of \$30,000.
  - b. Dow Pipe & Fence Supply for fencing material, installation, labor, and related items for the county for the period of January 1-December 31, 2008 at an estimated cost of \$400,000.
  - c. Liquid Environmental Solutions of Texas, LP, for vacuum truck service for the county for the period of January 1-December 31, 2008 at an estimated cost of \$175,000.
  - d. IBM for SoftwareXcel/Voice Uplift system maintenance for Information Technology for the period of November 1, 2007-October 31, 2008 at an estimated cost of \$99,168.
  - e. Lone Star Uniforms, Inc., for uniforms and related items for the Constable of Precinct 1 for the period of February 1, 2008-January 31, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$58,000.
  - f. Adapco, Inc., for West Nile virus test cartridges for the county for the period of February 1, 2008-January 31, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$10,000.
  - g. Heitman Truck Repair for repair service for chassis, front-end, brake, clutch, and suspension work for the county for the period of February 1, 2008-January 31, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$25,200.
  - h. A-Athletic and Medical Supply Co., Inc., for first aid supplies for the county for the period of December 1, 2007-November 30, 2008 at an estimated cost of \$76,000.
  - i. Gulf Coast Presort for pick up, processing, and delivery of mail for the county for the period of January 1-December 31, 2008 at an estimated cost of \$115,000.

- j. WT Cox Subscriptions for periodical subscription services for the County Library for the period of January 1-December 31, 2008 at an estimated cost of \$170.000.
- k. Outdoor Outfits for raincoats for the Sheriff's Department for the period of February 1, 2008-January 31, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$46,980.
- 1. P-Ville, Inc., for mowing services for the Flood Control District for the period of January 1-December 31, 2008 with annual increases of \$3,802 at an estimated cost of \$385,152, and \$6,306 at an estimated cost of \$636,560.
- m. Bio Landscape and Maintenance, Inc., for mowing services for the Flood Control District for the period of January 1-December 31, 2008 with annual increases of \$4,605 at an estimated cost of \$464,840, \$3,606 at an estimated cost of \$365,356, \$6,883 at an estimated cost of \$698,683, and \$4,337 at an estimated cost of \$442,096.
- n. H.N.B. Landscape for mowing services for the Flood Control District for the period of January 1-December 31, 2008 with an annual increase of \$8,559 at an estimated cost of \$867,059.
- o. SafeGuard Health Plans, Inc., in the amount of \$1,914,000 for dental DHMO coverage; SafeHealth Life Insurance Company, \$2,077,000 for dental indemnity coverage; Spectera Insurance Company, \$1,257,000 for vision insurance coverage; UNUM Provident, \$2,514,000 for long-term disability insurance coverage; The Prudential Insurance Company of America, \$3,912,000 for life and accidental death and dismemberment coverage; and Aetna Life Insurance Company, \$169,529,000 for group medical and related employee benefits and flexible spending accounts administration for the period beginning March 1, 2008.
- 7. Request for approval of a month-to-month extension with Terra Management Services for lawn care services for buy-out property throughout the county for the period beginning November 1, 2007, not to exceed December 31, 2007.
- 8. Request for authorization for the County Judge to execute amendments/agreements with:
  - a. City of Bellaire allowing the city to use the county's contract for debris removal and disposal services.
  - b. Water Monitoring Solutions, Inc., to furnish and deliver water quality monitoring equipment and related items for the Flood Control District.
  - c. Public Consulting Group, Inc., for consulting services for development of a public service schedule of reasonable unit costs for Community & Economic Development for the period of October 31, 2007-January 31, 2008 at no additional cost.
  - d. Houston International Health Foundation in the additional amount of \$62,000 for refugee health services for Public Health & Environmental Services for a total amount of \$287,000.

- e. Montrose Counseling Center, decreasing amounts by \$10,000; Legacy Community Health Services, \$6,000; Saint Hope Foundation, \$12,975, \$82,068, and \$127,000; and NAACP, \$8,250 for Ryan White Part A services for Public Health & Environmental Services for the period ending February 29, 2008.
- f. A Child Is Born Outreach Facility in the amount of \$125,000; Alliance Adolescent & Children's Services, \$10,000; AWARE, RTC, \$70,000; Center for Success and Independence, \$575,000; Cornell Corrections of Texas, Inc., operating as Texas Adolescent Treatment Center, \$100,000; Daystar Residential, Inc., \$800,000; Embracing Destiny Foundation, \$10,000; Everyday Life, Inc., \$10,000; Houston We Care Shelter, Inc., dba We Care Treatment Center, \$150,000; Jaycee's Children Center, Inc., \$300,000; Mary Ruth, Inc., \$10,000; Merchants of Hope Children's Home, \$10,000; Minola's Place of Texas, Inc., \$400,000; Renewed Strength, Inc., \$150,000; Shiloh Treatment Center, Inc., \$200,000; Tejano Center for Community Concerns, \$10,000; Therapeutic Family Life, \$10,000; Totally Fit Ministries, Inc., \$200,000; University of Texas Harris County Psychiatric Center, \$300,000; and Willie C. McDuffie Residential Treatment Center, \$100,000 for non-secure residential services for Juvenile Probation for the period ending August 31, 2008.
- 9. Request for authorization to terminate agreements for Ryan White Part A Funds HIV Services for Public Health & Environmental Services/HIV Services Division with:
  - a. Montrose Counseling Center in the amount of \$39,000 effective September 30, 2007.
  - b. Family Services of Greater Houston in amounts of \$86,500, \$95,010, \$32,100, and \$86,655 effective October 31, 2007.
- 10. Request for approval of sole source, professional services, and other exemptions from the competitive bid process and orders authorizing the County Judge to execute agreements/amendments with:
  - a. Texas State Library and Archives Commission through Amigos Library Services, Inc., for renewal of the TexShare Database Program for the County Library in the amount of \$26,750.
  - b. Printrak for purchase of a Motorola Printrak Live Scan Station and a Tenprint Card printer for the Constable of Precinct 3 at an estimated cost of \$41,000.
  - c. Noblestar Systems Corporation for purchase of continued consultation on the redesign and development of the Justice Information Management System for the county in the amount of \$2,713,911 for the period of October 29, 2007-October 26, 2008.
  - d. Phonoscope Communications, Inc., for purchase of Ethernet circuits for Public Infrastructure in the amount of \$19,200, effective upon approval for a term of five years.
  - e. Digital Library Reserve, Inc., for purchase of software license, hosting fee, and digital content materials for the County Library at an estimated cost of \$52,000 for the period ending May 15, 2008, with two one-year renewal options.

- 11. Request for approval to correct a renewal term for a professional services exemption for R. Craig Bales to provide medical services for Community Supervision & Corrections for the period of September 1, 2007-August 31, 2008.
- 12. Request for authorization for a list of county surplus and/or confiscated property to be sold at internet auction and for disposal of unsold surplus items.
- 13. Transmittal of notice of receipt of funds in the amount of \$22,285 for county equipment sold at Houston Auto Auction September 19.
- 14. Request for authorization to delete certain property from inventories of the Sheriff's Department, Justice of the Peace 7.1, Tax Assessor-Collector, and Purchasing Department.
- 15. Transmittal of bids and proposals for advertised jobs that were opened October 15 and 22 by the Office of the Purchasing Agent, and request for approval of recommendations for disposition.

## 18. Commissioners Court

## a. County Judge

- 1. Request for approval of resolutions designating:
  - a. October 22-26 as Red Ribbon Week for nation-wide emphasis on substance abuse prevention.
  - b. October 23 as Children's Assessment Center Day on the occasion of being named 2007 Houston's Best Charity by the Houston Press.
  - c. October 31 as David Bohlmann Day on the occasion of his retirement from the Toll Road Authority, and John Munro Day on the occasion of his retirement from Information Technology.
  - d. November as Home Care and Hospice Month to increase understanding about home care and the hospice philosophy of care for the elderly, disabled, and terminally ill.
  - e. November 10 as the Hospital District's Martin Luther King Health Center Day on the occasion of the official ground breaking.
  - f. November 13 as the Hospital District's Alief Health Center Day on the occasion of the official ground breaking.
- 2. Request for approval of a request for payment to reimburse the estate of a deceased client for purchase of unused trip vouchers from the RIDES transportation program.

# b. Commissioner, Precinct 1

Request for approval of resolutions recognizing:

- 1. Dr. Nelda Lewis as recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.
- 2. The 25th Year Anniversary Celebration of the Urhobo Progressive Association.

## c. Commissioner, Precinct 2

## d. Commissioner, Precinct 3

- 1. Request for discussion and possible action regarding Texas Online and any associated contracts with the county.
- 2. Request for authorization to change the title of a position and the titles and salary maximums of four positions effective October 27, 2007.
- 3. Request for authorization to post signs prohibiting overnight parking of commercial motor vehicles in the Bear Creek Plantation and Brenwood Park subdivisions.

## e. Commissioner, Precinct 4

- 1. Request for approval for the Crosby Youth Football League to have a six-foot tall access control fence and two four-foot tall spectator control fences installed at the Crosby Park football fields.
- 2. Request for approval to accept donations from the Doss Advisory Council for the Mangum-Howell Center.
- 3. Request for approval to execute an agreement with North Harris County Pee Wee Football League Club, Inc., for use of a portion of Doss Park.
- 4. Request for authorization to replace nine cellular phones.

#### 19. Miscellaneous

- a. Transmittal of petitions filed with the 164th District Court, County Civil Court No. 1, and Justice Court 1.2.
- b. Transmittal of notice from Lawrence House of a public hearing to be held December 14 regarding the intent to place an ex-offender substance abuse program for women at 1034 Lawrence Street.
- c. Request by the Harris County Sports & Convention Corporation for approval of an order to transfer to HCSCC any pledged revenues over debt service and accumulated interest earnings on parking revenue as outlined in the Series 2001 bond issuance documents in connection with Reliant Stadium.

d. Transmittal of a resolution from the City of Deer Park providing notice of intent to annex certain property, and notice of public hearings.

## II. Emergency/supplemental items

# III. Public Hearings

## IV. Tax Rates

The following proposed 2007 tax rates were discussed by the court on September 25 and hearings were held on October 9 and 16. Orders for adoption of the rates are recommended for approval as part of the court's October 23 agenda. The rates are for Harris County, Harris County Flood Control District, Port of Houston Authority of Harris County, and the Harris County Hospital District.

	2006	2007	<b>Difference</b>
County General	.34221	.34221	.00000
Pub. Imp. Cont. Fund	.00000	.00697	.00697
County Debt	<u>.06018</u>	.05321	(.00697)
Subtotal County	<u>.40239</u>	.40239	.00000
Flood Control O&M	.02733	.02754	.00021
Flood Control Debt	<u>.00508</u>	.00352	(.00156)
Subtotal FCD	.03241	.03106	(.00135)
Port of Houston Debt	.01302	.01437	.00135
Hospital District	<u>.19216</u>	<u>.19216</u>	.00000
Total	62008	62008	00000
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## V. Executive Session

- 1. Request by Commissioner, Precinct 1 for an executive session for reappointment of Daisy Stiner to the Harris County Hospital District Board of Managers for the term of November 1, 2007-October 31, 2009.
- 2. Request by Commissioner, Precinct 2 for an executive session for reappointments of:
  - a. Stephen H. DonCarlos and E. Dale Wortham to the Harris County Hospital District Board of Managers for a two-year term of November 1, 2007-November 2, 2009.
  - b. Lindsey R. Pfeiffer to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone-City of La Porte No. 1 for a two-year term of November 1, 2007-October 31, 2009.

# VI. Appearances before court

## 1. 3 minutes

A speaker whose subject matter as submitted relates to an identifiable item of business on this agenda will be requested by the County Judge or other presiding court member to come to the podium where they will be limited to three minutes (3). A speaker whose subject matter as submitted does not relate to an identifiable item of business on this agenda will be limited to three minutes (3) if they have not appeared at any of the four preceding court meetings.

## 2. <u>1 minute</u>

A speaker whose subject matter as submitted does not relate to an identifiable item of business on this agenda and who has appeared at any of the four preceding court meetings will be limited to one minute (1).

# Adjournment.

## **Commissioners Court**

County Judge Commissioners (4)

#### Services

Public Infrastructure
Management Services
Information Technology
Public Health & Environmental Services
Community & Economic Development
Library Services
Youth & Family Services

#### **Fiscal Services & Purchasing**

Auditor
Treasurer
Tax Assessor-Collector
Purchasing

## **Administration of Justice**

Constables (8)

Sheriff

Sheriff's Civil Service Fire & Emergency Services Medical Examiner

County Clerk

District Clerk

County Attorney

District Attorner

District Attorney

Community Supervision & Corrections

Pretrial Services

Justices of the Peace (16)

County Courts (19)

Probate Courts (4)

District Courts (59)

Courts of Appeals (2)

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